

HOUSE RESOLUTION 185  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Whitney Stegall on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Stegall will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on February 27, 2006, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Benjamin Duggan and Nannie May Stegall, Mr. Stegall graduated from Rockvale High School in 1933; he attended the State Teachers College (Middle Tennessee State University) and graduated in 1937 with a Bachelors of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stegall served with acumen and alacrity as a chemistry and biology teacher at Smyrna High School from 1939 to 1942, and then served as an educational advisor and administrative officer for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, joining the United States Army in 1942, Mr. Stegall fought to preserve the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; he retired from the military in 1947 at the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, after his dutiful military service, Whitney Stegall attended Vanderbilt Law School and graduated in 1950 with a Juris Doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Mr. Stegall practiced law in Murfreesboro for many years, serving as Chancellor for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, a tireless public servant, Whitney Stegall represented Rutherford, Cannon, DeKalb, Van Buren, and White counties as a State Senator during the 84<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Stegall was joined in marriage with the late Orene Cowan in 1956, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Whit Stegall and wife Sherry, and Amy Swartz and husband Kevin; Mr. Stegall is the proud grandfather of Sabrina, Sydney, Shannon, and Ben; and

WHEREAS, an organizer and founder of the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation, Mr. Stegall helped draft the charter, a charter which subsequently served as a prototype for other schools; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Whitney Stegall was named a Distinguished Alumnus by Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1971 and received the MTSU President's Legacy Award; he currently serves as an Honorary Trustee of the MTSU Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Stegall is a member of the United Methodist Church, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to public service, Whitney Stegall is a member of the Kiwanis Club, for which he has served in many offices, including the post of Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Stegall epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Whitney Stegall on the celebration of his nintieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.